

CRAVATH'S COUNTRY HOME DESTROYED

Fire Sweeps Veraton, the Costly House of New York Lawyer.

REPAIRS UNDER WAY FOR COMING SEASON

Workman Discovers Flames in Time to Save Valuable Furnishings—Low Pressure Fatal.

[From The Tribune Correspondent.]
Locust Valley, N. Y., April 14.—The costly country house of Paul D. Cravath, the New York lawyer, was totally destroyed by fire this afternoon. To-night nothing remains of the beautiful seventy-room building on a high hill on the outskirts of this village except the chimneys and some of the walls.

The flames burned surely but slowly and gave plenty of time for neighbors and servants to carry to places of safety valuable furnishings estimated to be worth close to \$250,000. The loss on the building will reach that amount.

Mr. Cravath is at present in Europe and is expected here next month. During his absence his wife and daughter, Miss Vera, from whom the house got its name, Veraton, have been living here. Both went to Manhattan recently while extensive repairs were being made. The house was comparatively new, having been completed only two years ago. It was erected on a traditionally unfortunate site. Today's conflagration is the third at the place since 1808.

About 2 o'clock a painter who had been working in the upper part of the house came running downstairs with the word that the whole top of the building was in flames. Alarms were sent to Sea Cliff, Roslyn, Oyster Bay and Glen Cove. Automobile apparatus was sent to the fire, but the water pressure was inadequate and the flames continued to burn practically unchecked. Firemen said to-night that with any force at all to the water they could have had the fire under control in short order.

With the alarms of fire word was sent to Mrs. E. M. Cravath, sister-in-law of the lawyer, and to Mrs. J. Parker Kirkin, a neighbor. The two women superintended the removal of such valuable furnishings and decorations as could be carried out of the burning structure. Persons from the neighboring countryside hastened to the scene and proved of considerable assistance to those already on the ground.

The flames for a long time stayed above stairs, and it was possible to remove practically everything on the ground floor. One of the prized paintings saved was a portrait of Mrs. Cravath.

Veraton was situated about a mile from the main road, and had a road winding down for a distance of half a mile to the beach. It was built on the lines of an English manor house of the Tudor period. The house was of brick and Indiana limestone. The first floor was finished throughout in solid Guineo mahogany, as were the ballroom, dining room and music room. The northeast wing of the building was in Arkansas butternut.

Many brilliant gatherings were held at Veraton. Last winter Miss Cravath entertained one of the largest house parties ever held in any of the big Long Island country places. When the English polo team was here last year Mr. Cravath held open house for the players, and plans were already made for a repetition at this season's games.

The view from the house was unexcelled. Both the ocean and the Sound could be seen.

COURT RESTRAINS TORPEDO MAKERS
Upholds Government in Action to Force Secrecy Upon Bliss Concern.

Judge Van Vechter Veeder, of the federal court, Brooklyn, yesterday in a decision granted to the federal government an injunction to restrain the E. W. Bliss Company from revealing the

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Hackett-Carhart Stores Close Their Doors for Good April 25
A 58-Year Record Winds Up One Week from Saturday

New Spring Stocks for Men and Young Men SUITS, TOP COATS & BALMACAANS
Regardless of Cost Everything Must Go

It has been arranged that all creditors will be paid one hundred cents on the dollar. This organization, which has struggled to meet its tremendous obligations, has succeeded, and its venerable career of 58 years' business will wind up on April 25th. The next few days' sale of stocks, regardless of cost, will be to dispose of everything in the stores at practically your own prices. You do yourself an injustice if you do not come at once to this stupendous sale, in which selling records which have stood for years will be broken.

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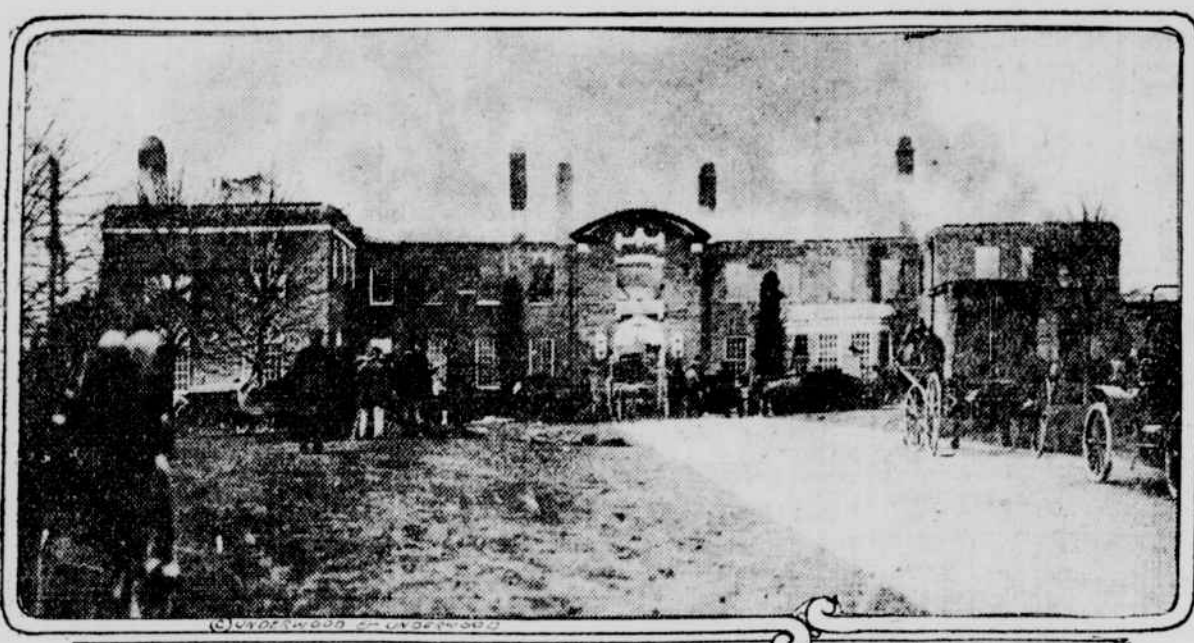
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FIRE AT THE HOME OF PAUL D. CRAVATH.



SIEGEL AND VOGEL WAIT BECKER TRIAL

Expected to Face Jury, However, Not Later than June 1.

MAY POSSIBLY DO SO BEFORE POLICEMAN

Offer of Part Payment to Depositors Expected from Relatives Soon.

Henry Siegel and Frank E. Vogel, indicted on fourteen charges of grand larceny growing out of the failure of their mercantile and banking houses, will be placed on trial in the Supreme Court immediately after the court disposal of the case of Charles Becker. As Becker goes on trial on May 5, and the District Attorney expects that not more than three weeks will be consumed in his trial, both men will face a trial jury not later than June 1.

In the event that changes in Becker's counsel result in delay, Siegel and Vogel will go on trial before the accused policeman. District Attorney Whitman made this sure yesterday, when he had the case of the ex-merchant-bankers transferred from General Sessions, where it would have to take its turn, to the criminal part of the Supreme Court, where he could mark it for trial at will.

Stanchfield & Levy, counsel for Siegel and Vogel, are expected to ask for further time to-day to change the pleas of their clients to the indictments filed a week ago. Mr. Whitman will not oppose the request.

No further offers of compromise have come from counsel of the two men, but an offer to make a part payment to the depositors is expected within the week from Levy Mayer, counsel for the relatives of Vogel. It is expected that this will contemplate a larger amount of cash than hitherto offered, coupled with an offer of cash for the stock of the Siegel Stores Corporation now held by Mr. Melville, the receiver, in full of all claims, with the alternative of taking long-term non-interest-bearing notes to make up the difference between the face of the claims and the amount of cash realized from the sale of the assets of the bank. This offer will be made by the Depositors' Realization Committee, whose original offer was withdrawn, following the protests of a noisy minority of the depositors.

Judge Hough, in the United States Court, yesterday approved the sale of the bills receivable of the Fourteenth Street Store to Gustave Baer for \$15,000. These have a nominal value of \$2,000, but not more than one-half is collectible.

Several distant relatives of Mrs. Trowbridge have begun a proceeding in the Supreme Court asking for a partition of the real estate, consisting of the Trowbridge home in Park ave., Leona Rehl and Clifford Rehl, who are interested in the partition action, are infants, and Justice Weeks yesterday appointed Thomas J. Bannon to act as guardian.

R. I. Law Bars Women Police.

Providence, April 14.—Women cannot become police officers in this state until they possess the right of suffrage. The police commissioners had decided to appoint two women to the local force, but discovered that only voters were eligible under the law.

7 DIE IN BOSTON FIRE

16 Injured When Flames Attack Apartment House.

Boston, April 14.—Seven persons were killed, sixteen were injured more or less seriously and twenty-one families, totalling more than seventy-five individuals, were endangered in an early morning fire which wrecked the Melvin, a five story brick apartment house, at Commonwealth and Long aves., in the Allston district, to-day. The dead:

MRS. ALICE SHACKFORD, wife of C. L. Shackford.

MRS. EDITH REMIS, wife of H. E. Remis.

MRS. F. C. BEHARRELL, a sister of Mrs. Remis.

JAMES RAYMOND POWER, MRS. POWER and their infant son.

MISS MARY CONNORS, a maid to the Power family.

The cause of the fire has not been determined. It started in the basement near the boiler and shot up through a waste paper chute and an elevator shaft. The building was opened last September. The damage to it is estimated at \$60,000.

Mrs. Shackford and Mrs. Remis met death by jumping, one from the fourth floor and the other from the fifth. The bodies of the other victims were found on the fifth floor.

MILLS RAPS DEMOCRATS

Says It's Been Year of Partisan View of Indubitable Facts.

Ogden L. Mills, a leader of the modern wing of the Republican party and treasurer of the Republican County Committee, addressed the 7th Assembly District Republican Club last night in his rooms at 263 Eighth ave.

Mr. Mills made a caustic review of the results of one year of Democratic administration, consisting of "indubitable facts viewed from a partisan standpoint." Mr. Mills' review of the Democratic administration will be given by him in more detail to the members of the Republican County Committee at its meeting to-morrow night.

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TOO MANY COOKS

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